

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method for making an authenticable original document on a sheet of media, said sheet of media having a physical indicia identifier and an identification number printed thereon, comprising the steps of:
 - obtaining a high resolution scan of said physical indicia identifier and creating a digital file of said high resolution scan;
 - associating the high resolution scan file to the identification number printed on said sheet of media,
 - storing the high resolution scan file in memory,
 - creating a digital text file to be printed on said sheet,
 - distilling said digital text file,
 - creating a message image using the distilled text file,
 - combining the message image with the high-resolution scan file of physical indicia identifier so as to create a dispersed message, and
 - printing said dispersed message along with the text file on said sheet.
2. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said memory device comprises as a CD.
3. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said memory device comprises an electronic E-mail address.
4. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said combining is convolving.
5. (original) A method for verifying if a document on a sheet of media is an original document, said document having text, a dispersed message and physical indicia identifier thereon, comprising the steps of:
 - scanning said document so as to obtain a digital file of said physical indicia identifier, a digital file of said text, and said dispersed message;

correlating said physical indicia identifier with said dispersed message so as to obtain a first recovered common data;

distilling said digital text file in accordance with a predetermined program so as to obtain a second common data;

comparing said first common data with said second common data for determining if said document is an authentic original document.

6. (original) A method according to claim 5 wherein said first recovered common data comprises a message image and said second common data is a candidate message image.

7. (original) A method according to claim 5 wherein said first recovered common data comprises a distilled message and said second common data is a candidate distilled message.

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10. (currently amended) A method for verifying that a document on a sheet of media is an original, said sheet of media having a physical indicia identifier and an identification number printed thereon, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a high resolution scan of said physical indicia identifier and creating a digital file of said high resolution scan;

associating the high resolution scan file to the identification number printed on said sheet of media,

storing the high resolution scan file to memory,

creating a digital text file to be printed on said sheet,

distilling said digital text file,

creating a message image using the distilled text file,

combining the message image with the high resolution scan file of physical indicia identifier so as to create a dispersed message,

printing said dispersed message along with the text file on said sheet;

scanning said document so as to obtain a scan digital file ~~of~~ so as to obtain said physical indicia identifier, the digital text file of the document, and said dispersed message;

correlating said physical indicia identifier with said dispersed message so as to obtain a recovered message;

distilling said digital text file in accordance with a predetermined program that was used to create said message image so as to obtain a candidate message; and

comparing said candidate message with said ~~recorded~~ recovered message for determining if said document is an authentic original document.

11. (original) The method according to claim 10 wherein said combining is convolving.

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